

Welcome to the International Officers Supply Course (IOSCO)

The information provided in this handout is to prepare the IOSCO student for his or her participation in one of the U.S. Navy's finest International Training Programs. IOSCO has been taught in Athens for over 46 years and over 1300 international officers have added this course to their resumes. It is the goal of the International training staff of the Navy Supply Corps School to make each student's visit to the United States an educational and entertaining experience.

International Officer Supply Course (IOSCO) Overview

IOSCO is designed to provide training to junior International Supply Officers (O-1 through O-4) in the basics of the U.S. Navy's and Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) supply procedures and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) basics. The course consists of a four week core course taught in Athens, Georgia, followed by the two week Principles of Inventory Control Course. The class then travels for three weeks to supply, government, and FMS centers in Jacksonville and Orlando, Florida; Washington, D.C.; and Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The course concludes with the one week IOSCO Capstone Course in Athens. Total course length is 10 weeks. Topics covered in the core course include:

- Government and Department of the Navy Structure and Budget Process
- Structure of Navy and DLA Supply systems
- Security Cooperation programs
- Material Identification (Using various CD-Rom computer products)
- Configuration Management and Coordinated Shipboard Allowance List (COSAL)
- Repairables management and ordering procedures
- Foreign Military Sales requisitioning procedures
- Financial procedures and billing
- Shipping procedures
- Discrepancy reporting

Students will also receive valuable training in U.S. customs and lifestyles through an extensive Informational Program. Students will visit local, state and federal government facilities, media centers, public schools and universities, industries, and cultural events. The local community of Athens is very involved with the Navy Supply Corps School's International Training Program and offers many opportunities for students to interact with people in the community.

IOSCO is offered three times a year. Quotas can be obtained through the Security Assistance Officer (SAO) at the U.S. Embassy in each country. SAO's can arrange quotas through your country's representative at Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA). When requesting the course ensure you list all five MASL numbers listed below to include all phases of the course:

MASL	CIN	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
P152002	A-8B-0014	(IOSCO) INT'L OFFICERS SUPPLY COURSE
P152085	CIVCONTR	PRINC INVEN CTRL (WPN SYS)
P152090	A-8B-0014	FOSCO-JACKSONVILLE
P152003	A-8B-0014	FOSCO FUNCTL SUPPL CENTRAL
P152235	A-8B-0015	IOSCO CAPSTONE COURSE

Arrival in United States: Students arriving for course have two methods for getting to Athens.

- 1. Flights arriving at Athens Municipal Airport This is recommended if you wish to be met at the airport by the IMSO, and recommended for students who are uncomfortable with arranging ground transportation at a large international airport. The disadvantage in flying into Athens is that all flights must connect through Charlotte, North Carolina and there are only a few flights a day into Athens (a very small airport). These restrictions cause problems in finding connecting flights and may lead to some travel routes that are time consuming and very costly.
- 2. Flights arriving at Atlanta (Hartsfield International Airport) Atlanta's airport is 75 miles from Athens, and due to the distance and different arrival times, the IMSO cannot meet the student at the Atlanta airport. Ground transportation is available from the Atlanta airport directly to the Combined Bachelor Quarters at Navy Supply Corps School. This is provided by AAA Airport Express, INC. The shuttle van runs from the Atlanta Airport to Athens seven times daily and operates seven days a week. Reservations are required, and can be made by telephoning (800) 354-7847 or (404) 767-2000. When making reservations please provide your flight arrival time and tell them you want to go to Brown Hall at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens. They will provide you with the Shuttle van departure time. The cost is \$30 one way. When you make your reservation, contact the IMSO at Athens, inform him of your shuttle time, and he will meet you when the Shuttle Van arrives on the base. To find the Shuttle Van departure location upon arrival in Atlanta, follow the signs in baggage claim to GROUND TRANSPORTATION. Outside you will see many parking stalls for shuttle busses and vans. Go to Stall Number 7, and look for a large, white van with AAA AIRPORT **EXPRESS** in blue letters. Make sure you get on the Van going to Athens, because they have some vans going to other cities. The drive to Athens is about 1 hour and twenty minutes, depending on traffic. The IMSO will meet you and check you into the CBQ when the Shuttle van arrives in Athens.

REPORTING INFORMATION

This information is provided to the SAO and the student in order to address questions they may have about the course. If additional information is required, please contact the IMSO.

Dependents – Although dependents may be authorized on the student's ITO, students are discouraged from bringing family members with them. Their 10-week stay will be very intensive and time-demanding, and include frequent travel requirements. The cost of travel and lodging for family members is the student's responsibility and could result in financial hardship for the student. The cost of bringing a family member could exceed \$5000 if the family member accompanies the class in all travel and stays with the student the entire ten weeks. There are also no facilities at the Combined Bachelors Quarters to accommodate children. If the officer still wishes to have family members to accompany him or her, it is requested that the International Military Student Officer (IMSO) here be notified as soon as possible. If housing is required off base, the student officer will be responsible for arranging for those accommodations.

Country Briefs – Students will be asked to give a short brief about their county. Areas to be covered include history, culture, and command structure and logistics operations. Bring materials (books, pamphlets, slides, videos) you wish to use in your presentation. Computers and audio-visual equipment will be made available.

Invitational Travel Orders (ITO) – It is requested that travel orders be forwarded to the Athens IMSO in a timely manner to ensure that proper arrangements can be made for receiving the officer. If ITO's cannot be e-mailed, mailed or faxed within 3 weeks of the start date of the course the SAO should make every effort to e-mail the student's name, WCN, and arrival information to the IMSO as soon as possible.

Credit Cards – It is recommended the students bring a major credit card (VISA or MASTERCARD) with them. Past experience has shown that having a credit card simplifies many transactions that the students encounter during their stay, such as renting cars and reserving and checking into hotel rooms, etc. While not required, credit cards would provide the student an added convenience while in the United States. If credit cards are not available in the student's country, we can make arrangements for the student to open a checking account with a debit card for use while in the U.S.

Billeting – Students will have rooms reserved at the Combined Bachelors Quarters (CBQ) while in Athens. This is an award winning facility and they should be very comfortable there. The cost is \$16.25 per night. This is a **No Smoking** facility, and students who violate this policy will be fined and possibly evicted.

Messing – No mess is available. A small restaurant is located on the base and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, and lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Several other restaurants are within walking distance from the school. Refrigerators and microwave ovens are in each CBQ room. A commissary is located on the base and is open five days a week.

Telephone calls and Calling cards – Telephones are located in each CBQ room. Students can make and receive calls using these phones. Overseas calls charged to your CBQ room have been found to be **very expensive**. It is recommended that students use a pre-paid calling card for calling overseas. The rates are better and there are no surprises when a large bill is presented later. Pre-paid calling cards can be purchased at many retail stores locally in Athens.

Mailing Address – Students mail should be addressed as follows:

Student's Name Navy Supply Corps School Code 36FT 1425 Prince Avenue Athens, GA 30606-2205 USA

Do not have mail sent to the CBQ. It will get to the student faster if sent to the above address.

Uniforms - Uniforms are required for class. NSCS officers wear the khaki working uniform Monday through Thursday year round. Dress uniforms are required on Fridays and on any trips off the base. The dress uniform for November through April is Service Dress Blues (double breasted suit coat) and for May through October is Summer Whites (short sleeved white shirt and white pants). Please bring the equivalent uniforms for your class. **(Note: Students in the Summer Class do not need to bring winter uniforms)**

Civilian Clothes – There will be many outside activities to attend while in the United States that will require civilian clothes. Students should bring slacks, collared shirts, and dress shoes for wear during dinner parties and receptions. Sporting wear and comfortable shoes will also be needed for recreational activities. Comfortable casual wear will be fine for all other occasions, and shorts are popular during the warmer months. Suits and sport coats are not required. The climate in Athens is cool and rainy in the winter and hot and humid in the summer. Temperatures range from a low of –7C in the winter to 38C in the summer, but are generally milder than those extremes.

Gym Facilities – A small fitness center is provided on the base. It offers state of the art fitness equipment (Nautilus, free weights, treadmills, etc.); a basketball court; and tennis and racquetball courts.

Car Rental – If students are interested in renting cars during their stay, most car rental agencies require an international driver's license or license with an English translation and a major credit card. (VISA or MASTERCARD)

Classes – All classes are held in Russell Hall, within walking distance from the CBQ. Classes are held from 0810 to 1700 Monday through Friday with 10 minute breaks each hour and a 1 hour lunch break.

2001 IOSCO Schedule

Dates	Course Description	Location
	IOSCO 106	
FEB 12 – MAR 9 MAR 12 – MAR 23 MAR 24 MAR 26 – APR 3 APR 3 APR 4 – APR 7	IOSCO PHASE 1 (MASL ID P152002) PIC (MASL ID 152085) TRAVEL TO JACKSONVILLE FOSCO JAX (MASL ID 152090) TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IP VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C	ATHENS, GA ATHENS, GA JAX, FL JAX, FL WASH., D.C.
APR 8 APR 9 – APR 13	TRAVEL TO MECHANICSBURG FOSCO FUNCTL SUPP CENTRAL (MASL ID P152003)	MECH, PA PHIL, PA & MECH, PA
APR 15 APR 16 – APR 20 APR 20	TRAVEL TO ATHENS VIA ATLANTA IOSCO CAPSTONE COURSE (MASL ID P152235) DEPART FOR HOME COUNTRY	ATHENS, GA ATHENS, GA
MAY 7 - JUN 1 JUN 4 - JUN 15 JUN 16 JUN 17 - JUN 25 JUN 26 JUN 27 - JUN 30 JUL 1 JUL 2 - JUL 7	IOSCO 107 IOSCO PHASE 1 (MASL ID P152002) PIC (MASL ID 152085) TRAVEL TO JACKSONVILLE FOSCO JAX (MASL ID 152090) TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IP VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C TRAVEL TO MECHANICSBURG FOSCO FUNCTL SUPP CENTRAL (MASL ID P152003)	ATHENS, GA ATHENS, GA JAX, FL JAX, FL WASH., D.C. MECH, PA PHIL, PA & MECH, PA
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SPECIAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS 2001

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DEPART FOR JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA VIA BUS	IMSO	IMSO	MAR 24	JUN 16	OCT 20
DEPART ORLANDO FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. (RONALD REAGAN	COUNTRY PURCHASES TICKET	IMSO PROVIDES TICKET (IN MOST CASES)	APR 3	JUN 26	OCT 30
NATIONAL AIRPORT) VIA COMMERCIAL FLIGHT	Flight number: U.S. Air Flight 357 One Way \$94.75 Departs Orlando–12:06pm Arrives Reagan National, Wash. D.C. –2:15pm				
DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR MECH/ PHILADELPHIA VIA VAN OR BUS	IMSO	IMSO	APR 8	JUL 1	NOV 4
DEPART PHILADELPHIA FOR ATLANTA (HARTSFIELD INTL AIRPORT)	COUNTRY PURCHASES TICKET	IMSO PROVIDES TICKET (IN MOST CASES)	APR 15	JUL 8	NOV 11
AINT OILT)	Flight number: Delta Flight 1715 One Way \$72.75 Departs Phil. –10:40am Arrives Atlanta – 12:57pm				
DEPART FOR HOME COUNTRY FROM ATLANTA (HARTSFIELD INTL AIRPORT)	COUNTRY PURCHASES TICKET	IMSO PROVIDES TICKET (IN MOST CASES)	APR 20	JUL 13	NOV 16

Note: Flight Numbers and Times are subject to change by the airlines. Please contact the Navy Supply Corps School IMSO office prior to booking flights for confirmation of flight information. Flight prices based on commercial 21 day advance fare, non-refundable, non-changeable ticket. Your price may be different depending on type of booking.

Travel from Orlando, Florida to Washington D.C. and from Philadelphia to Atlanta – If your Invitational Travel Order (ITO) states that the student's country is responsible for travel, you will need to make arrangements through your travel office to get on the flights listed in the table on the previous page, so that the class will travel together from each site. If your travel is IMET funded, we will arrange those flights for you upon your arrival. Due to the travel requirements of this course, the cost can be expensive. It is important that your commands realize this and make preparations for it. In order to assist you, the following information is provided:

- Students are enrolled in the IOSCO pipeline that consists of training in Athens, GA; Jacksonville, FL, Orlando, FL; Washington, D.C.; Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia, PA. Due to the nature of the course and the sites visited, the student is required to obtain lodging at several sites where government quarters are not available. Every effort is made to place two students per room where commercial lodging is used in order to cut cost.
- 2. Sites where **government lodging is not available**, and estimated costs:

Training Site	Cost per night per student	# of nights	Total cost incurred
NAWCTSD, ORLANDO, FL	\$40	3	\$120
NAVICP, PHILADELPHIA, PA	\$40	5	\$200
NAVICP, MECHANICSBURG,	\$40	2	\$80
PA			

- 3. Student lodging while visiting Washington, D.C. is paid by the U.S. Navy Informational Program. If the student's spouse or family members accompany them, a pro-rated share of the lodging costs is paid by the student. Due to the very high rate of lodging in the Washington, D.C. area, students with family members can expect to pay over \$100 per night for 5 nights (\$500 total) for their family's share of the lodging expense while in Washington, D.C.
- 4. Students are provided government quarters at training sites in Athens, GA, at a rate of \$16.25 per night, and Jacksonville, Fl., at a rate of \$17.00 per night.
- 5. Government Messing is not available for the duration of this course.
- 6. Very important information for students with family members. The travel required by this class will place a financial and personal hardship on students with family members accompanying them. Additional costs to students with one family member with them could result in \$2,500 to \$3000 additional costs for the 21 days of travel. We strongly recommend that family members do not accompany students for this course, or if they do, that they return home prior to the travel portion outside of Athens.

Return to home country – We plan to have all students depart from the Atlanta airport to their home countries. We will arrange for transportation from Athens to Atlanta. If your Invitational Travel Order (ITO) states that the student's country is responsible for travel, you will need to make arrangements through your travel office for a return flight from Atlanta on or after the date listed in the travel table. If your travel is IMET funded, we will arrange this flight for you.

REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you wish to obtain additional information, please contact the following people in the International Training division of Navy Supply Corps School, Athens:

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